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TAGS:HVVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), ZA, OTRA
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT; LIMITATIONS ON USE OF LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT

REF: STATE 0866; LUSAKA 0862

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SENIOR EXPATRIATE OFFICIAL OF DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION AS WELL AS ATC AT LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT REGARDING RUNWAY CONDITIONS THERE. WITHOUT KNOWING PRECISELY CONFIGUARATION OF SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT OR ITS ANTICIPATED WEIGHT LOAD, THEY UNABLE TO GIVE PRECISE ANSWER AS TO WHETHER LANDING/TAKEOFF FROM LIVINGSTONE IS FEASIBLE. HOWEVER, THEY POINT OUT THAT LARGEST AIRCRAFT EVER TO USE LIVINSTONE WAS AN ALMOST EMPTY COMET. NORMALLY BAC 111 AND BOEING 737 ARE LARGEST AIRCRAFT THAT FLY INTO LIVINGSTONE. SENIOR CAD OFFICIAL VENTURED OPINION THAT 707 WITH MINIMUM LOAD AND FUEL MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE LIVINGSTONE BUT AS NO 707 HAS APPARENTLY EVER LANDED THERE, NO EXPERENTIAL DATA IS AVAILABLE.

2. SENIOR CAD OFFICIAL HAS PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING DATA WHICH HE SAID ARE RELEVANT TO SITUATION AT LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT:

A. ELEVATION - 3,250 FEET

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B. REFERENCE TEMPERATURE - 29.7 CENTIGRADE

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C. AVERAGE APRIL TEMPERATURE - 30 C (MAXIMUM), 19.7 C (MINIMUM)

D. RUNWAY LENGTH - 2,292 METERS

C. RUNWAY WIDTH - 61 METERS

D. AZ - 09/27

E. SIWL - 18,744 KILOS

F. MTWL - 23,587 KILOS

G. MAXIMUM TIRE PRESSURE - 7.73 KILOS PER SQ CM

H. MAXIMUM TAXI WEIGHT - 36,285 KILOS

I. SURFACE - TARMAC (SEE NOTE BELOW)

J. TAKE OFF RUN - 7,320 FEET RID FEET

K. LANDING DISTANCE - 7,520 FEET

NOTE: SOURCE CONFIDZI THAT RUNWAY IS IN RIPPLED CONDITION AND
THAT SOME PORTIONS WERE RECENTLY UNDER RECONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR
AND MAY BE UNUSABLE.

3. LIVINGSTONE AIRPTNT ATC CONFIRNED THAT MTW OF 36,285 KILOS
IS MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.IMPLIED THAT THIS
PLUS OTHER LIMITATIONS ON NUMBERS OF TAKE OFFS AND LANDINGS AT
LIVINGSTONE INTENDED TO MINIMIZE WEAR AND TEAR ON RUNWAYS AND
THAT CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES MIGHT, ON ONE GUME BASIS, CON-
SIDER WAIVING LIMITATION FOR A DIPLOMATIC FLIGHT. WE HAVE NOT
RPT NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS POINT WITH CIVIL AVIATION
HEADQUARTERS IN LUSAKA BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO DO SO WHEN OFFICES
REOPEN ON MONDAY.

4. WE UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT LIVINGSTONE LACKS MOVABLE STEPS
AND GROUND POWER EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR 707 AIRCRAFT.

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5. WE ARE STILL AWAITING FROM CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PARTICULARS ON
LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT REQUESTED DURING AMBASSADOR'S FIRST MEETING
WITH HIM. WE WILL CONTINUE PRESS HIM FOR THESE AND WILL REPORT
ANYCATA NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED PARA 2 ABOVE. MEANWHILE, WOULD
BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD LET US KNOW BY COB MONDAY MORNING
IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL DATA REQUIRED IN ORDER
FOR AIR FORCE TO MAKE DETERMINATION ON USE OF 707 FOR LIVING-
STONE STOP.

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6. EXDIS CAPTION MAY BE REMOVED WHEN VISIT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED.
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